

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 3 with the following rewritten paragraph.

Female NCr-nude mice, 6-8 weeks of age, were fed *ad libitum* water (reverse osmosis, 0.17% Cl) and an autoclaved standard rodent diet (N1H31) of 18% protein, 5% fat, 5% fiber, 8% ash and 3% minerals. Mice were housed in microisolators on a 12 hour light cycle at 22°C in 40-60% humidity. Mice were implanted subcutaneously in the flank with 1 mm<sup>3</sup> HCT-116 human colon carcinoma fragments in the flank. Tumors were monitored twice weekly initially, then daily as the tumors reached approximately 100 mg in weight. When the tumors reached a weight between 40-221 mg (calculated weight), the animals were pair-matched into the various treatment groups. Estimated tumor weight was determined according to the equation:

Tumor weight =

$$\frac{w^2 \times l}{2}$$

where w = width and l = length in mm of a HCT-116 tumor. Phosphorothioate oligonucleotides having 2'-O-methylribonucleotides at the 2 terminal 5' positions and 4 terminal 3' positions (Oligo 1), or the 4 terminal 5' and 3' positions (Oligo 2) were prepared according to standard procedures and dissolved in neutral buffered saline. Oligo 1 had the sequence 5'-UGACACCTGTTCTCACUCAC-3' (SEQ ID NO: 1) (complementary to mdm-2), and the ~~aequence~~ sequence of Oligo 2 was 5'-UCGCACCCATCTCTCTCCUUC-3' (SEQ ID NO: 2) (complementary to the HIV-1 gag gene). ~~Camptosar~~ irinotecan was purchased from Pharmacia & Upjohn.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 3 with the following rewritten paragraph.

The study was carried out as described in Example 1, except that Panc-1 tumor was used, 4 groups of 10 mice each were used, Oligo 1 and Oligo 2 (in this case, 5'-UCCACCTATTCTTACUCCC-3' (SEQ ID NO: 3), with two 5'-terminal 2'-O-methylribonucleosides and four 3'-terminal 2'-O-methylribonucleosides) were given at doses of 20 mg/kg, ~~Camptosar~~ irinotecan was given at 100 mg/kg, tumor "cut-off" was 1.2 g, and then the study was terminated on Day 67.